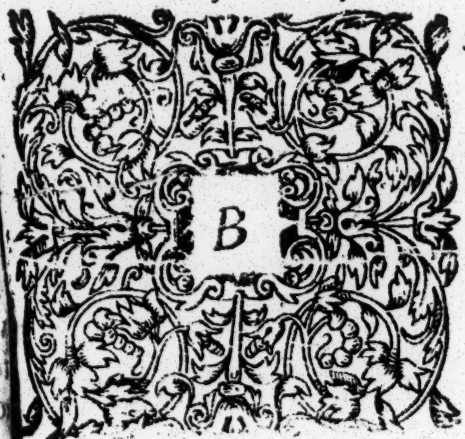


His Majesty at His first Sitting in His Privy-Council, vvas Graciously pleased to Express Himself in this manner :

My Lords,



*Efore I enter upon anie other Business I think fit to say something to you. Since it hath pleased Almighty God to Place me in this Station, and I am now to succeed so Good and Gracious a King, as well as so verie Kind a Brother, I think it fit to Declare to you that I will Endeavour to follow His Example, and most especiallie in that of His Great Clemencie and Tenderneſs to His People: I have been reported to be a Man for Arbitrarie Power, but that is not the onlie Storie has been made of Me: And I shall make it My Endeavour to Preserve this Government both in Church and State, as it is now by Law Eſtabliſhed. I know the Principles of the Church of England are for Monarchie, and the Members of it have ſhewed themselves Good and Loyal Subjects, therefore I shall always take care to Defend and Support It. I know too that the Laws of England are ſufficient to make the King as Great a Monarch as I can Wiſh; And as I shall never Depart from the juſt Rights and Prerogatives of the Crown, ſo I shall never Invade any Mans Property. I have often heretofore ventured My Life in Defence of this Nation; And I shall ſtill go as far as any man in preſerving it in all its juſt Rights and Liberties.*

Whereupon the Lords of the Council were humble Suiters to His Majesty, That theſe His Gracious Expreſſions might be made publick, which His Majesty did Order accordingly.